

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 12, 2007
6:30 P.M.

The Murray City Council met in regular session on Thursday, April 12, 2007, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, with Mayor Rushing presiding.

Council Members Present: Danny Hudspeth, Pete Lancaster, Jeremy Bell, Dan Miller, Linda Cherry, Robert Billington, Jason Pittman, David Ramey, Jane Brandon, Butch Seargent, Pat Scott, and Bill Wells.

Council Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Ken Claud, Michael Skinner, J. L. Barnett, David Roberts, Philip Morris, Dennis Thompson, Carol Roberts, Thomas Clendenen, Matt Mattingly, Gail Mullins, Harla McClure, and Warren Hopkins.

Minutes of the council meeting held March 22, 2007, were presented for approval. **Mr. Billington moved, seconded by Mr. Lancaster**, to approve the minutes as written. With no discussion, Mayor Rushing called for a voice vote, which was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Ordinance Number 2007-1439 (first reading) an ordinance annexing a 16.050 acre tract of land located at 1641 Wiswell Road West and owned by Henry Case Hines and Brenda Hines was presented to the council on a first reading. The Murray Planning Commission recommended said annexation based on the following findings: 1) property is contiguous to the city boundaries to the east and west; 2) City utility services are already available to the property; 3) opportunity to close a city/county gap for 911 purposes; 4) property falls within the Urban Services Area for the City of Murray. **Mr. Pittman moved, seconded by Mr. Billington** to approve said ordinance. David Roberts, Director of Planning and Engineering, stated that the property had been sold since the Hines' had filed for annexation. He stated that it was purchased by The Grove of Murray, LLC. Barbara Campbell is the sole member of the corporation. Ms. Campbell desires to continue with the annexation request.

With no further discussion, Mayor Rushing called for the roll call vote which is recorded as follows:

AYES: Danny Hudspeth, Pete Lancaster, Jeremy Bell, Dan Miller, Jane Brandon, Linda Cherry, Robert Billington, Jason Pittman, David Ramey, Butch Seargent, Pat Scott, and Bill Wells.

NAYS: None.

Mayor Rushing declared Ordinance Number 2007-1439 approved on a first reading.

Resolution Number 2007-007 a Resolution adopting and approving the execution of a

Municipal Aid Coop Program Contract between the Incorporated Area and the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Transportation Cabinet, Department of Governmental Relations for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, as provided in the Kentucky Revised Statutes and accepting all streets referred to therein as being streets which are a part of the Incorporated Area was presented to the council for approval.

Dr. Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Bell to approve said Resolution. Matt Mattingly, Director of Administration stated that the funds are a return on the state gas tax which is collected by the state and allocated to the cities based on population. With no further discussion, Mayor Rushing called for the voice vote which was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Mayor Rushing recognized Bill Wells, Chairman of the Personnel/Finance Committee. Mr. Wells stated that the committee had received a request from Chief of Police Ken Claud to declare a 1995 Ford Crown Vic as surplus property. The vehicle will be transferred to the Murray Calloway County Park System so that they may use it for the park ranger program. **Mr. Billington moved, seconded by Mr. Pittman** to declare a 1995 Ford Crown Vic as surplus property.

Matthew Martin, Park Director, stated that the Park will begin a park ranger program which will run from May 1st through September 31st. The ranger positions are part-time and will work Monday through Friday from 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 2:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. It is not only a safety issue but also a marketing opportunity. He stated the idea is for the park ranger is to be out of the car walking around and talking to the public at events.

With no further discussion, Mayor Rushing called for the roll call vote, which is recorded as follows:

AYES: Danny Hudspeth, Pete Lancaster, Jeremy Bell, Dan Miller, Jane Brandon, Linda Cherry, Robert Billington, Jason Pittman, David Ramey, Butch Seargent, Pat Scott, and Bill Wells.

NAYS: None.

Mayor Rushing declared the 1995 Ford Crown Vic as surplus.

Municipal Order 2007-006 reappointing Rick Jones to the Murray Calloway County Airport Board for a 4 year term to expire April 8, 2011 was presented to the council for approval. **Mr. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Billington** to approve same. With no discussion, Mayor Rushing called for the voice vote which was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Municipal Order 2007-007 appointing Ruth Daughaday to the Murray Calloway County Housing Authority to fulfill the unexpired term of Opal Oakley which will expire June 20, 2009 was presented to the council for approval. **Mr. Wells moved seconded by Mr. Lancaster** to approve same. With no discussion, Mayor Rushing called for the voice vote which was

unanimous in favor of the motion.

Matt Mattingly, Director of Administration, stated that Murray has been awarded the honor of hosting the USTA state tennis championship for the next two years. He also introduced the new Tourism Director, Lindsey Gieb.

Ms. Brandon commented on the letter that the council members had received from a student asking the City to help get a skate park. Mr. Martin stated that the best thing to do would be to challenge the children and their families to raise money to get the skate park started.

With no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

H. Thomas Rushing, Mayor

Attest:

Harla McClure, City Clerk